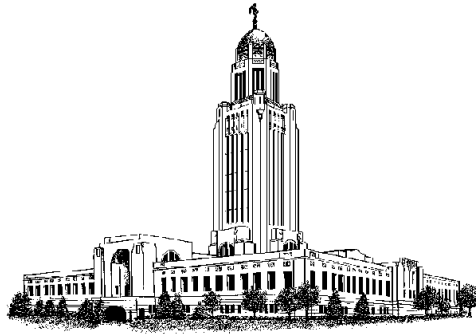


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Dear Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program Selection Committee,

Please accept this letter of support for Diller Telephone Company (DTC) and Diode Cable Company regarding their joint application for a Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program grant to expand fiber optic broadband services in Jefferson and Gage counties of Nebraska. The project is named Jefferson County Rural and will be a public/private partnership with Jefferson County, accessing ARPA funds designated for broadband service improvements.

As you are well aware, there are many benefits of fiber optic high speed internet. Whether it is for education, working from home, telemedicine or agricultural businesses, the service being proposed by DTC/Diode will deliver the speeds needed to benefit our rural community for many years to come. The covid-19 pandemic has also exacerbated the need for fiber optic connections throughout our state.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support as Diller Telephone and Diode Cable continue to invest in the rural communities of Legislative District 32.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns about my support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Brandt". The signature is fluid and matches the printed name below it.

Senator Tom Brandt